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SUBJ: ADMIRAL ZUMWALT'S TALKS

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1. ADMM RET. ZUMWALT, IN BRIEF AND FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED CONVERSATION WITH USLO OFFICER AT JULY 4 RECEPTION, RELATED ONE EXCHANGE HE HAD HAD WITH LI HSIEN-NIEN IN THEIR MEETING EARLIER THAT DAY (REFTEL). ZUMWALT SAID HE TOLD LI THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD NOT RE-ELECT A PRESIDENT WHO "ABANDONED" TAIWAN; MOREOVER SUCH ABANDONMENT WOULD BE DIVISIVE AT HOME AND BENEFICIAL TO THE SOVIET UNION ABROAD. LI, IN A VARIATION OF WHAT HE HAD SAID TO U.S. YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS(REF C), CITED DETERMINATION OF 800 MILLION PEOPLE TO LIBERATE TAIWAN. (WE ASSUME LI COMMENTS REPORTEDD IN NCNA STORY RELEASED EVENING OF JULY 4 (REF A) CAME JUST BEFORE OR AFTER THIS EXCHANGE).

2. ZUMWALT, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO CONVERSATIONS WITH LI, FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA AND OTHER PRC
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OFFICIALS, SAID HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET THE CHINESE TO REVEAL THE LEAST LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN ABILITY TO DEAL WITH ANY SOVIET THREAT TO THEMSELVES.

3. IN REACTION TO CHINESE POSITION THAT SOVIET GAINS IN AFRICA WERE ONLY TEMPORARY AND THAT AFRICANS

SOONER OR LATER WOULD THROW THE RUSSIANS OUT,
ZUMWALT SAID HE HAD COMMENTED THAT IF HE WERE THE
SOVIET NAVAL COMMANDER HE WOULDN'T MIND HAVING TO
SHIFT BASES AROUND FROM ONE AFRICAN COUNTRY TO
ANOTHER, SO LONG AS HE MANAGED TO HAVE A COUPLE OF
WELL SITUATED BASES AVAILABLE TO HIS FORCES AT ANY
GIVEN TIME.

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